

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Beginning on Page 64, line 27 through Page 64, line 30, the paragraph has been amended as follows :

The results of the experiment are presented in Figs. [44A and 44B] 40A and 40B. As indicated, 87% of the probes that bound to the 1-2 μm magnetic beads from Polysciences were [non covalently] non-covalently bound, as compared to 15% of non-covalently bound probes on the 3 μm Spherotech beads.